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Sir:

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Accordingly, a copy of the unacknowledged PTO 1449 form is attached hereto. The Examiner is respectfully requested to return the initialed form to the undersigned as soon as possible.

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Respectfully submitted,

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